

JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

JOINT RESOLUTION No. 1.

RELATING TO BIENNIAL ELECTIONS.

[Originated in the Senate.]

JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the constitution of the state of Iowa so as to provide for biennial elections.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

That the following amendment to the constitution of the state of Iowa be and the same is hereby proposed:

Add as section 16, to article 12 of the constitution the following:

SECTION 16. The first general election after the adoption of this amendment shall be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year one thousand nine hundred and two, and general elections shall be held biennially thereafter. In the year one thousand nine hundred and two there shall be elected a governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, attorney general, two judges of the supreme court, the successors of the judges of the district court whose terms of office expire December thirty-first, one thousand nine hundred and two, state senators who would otherwise be chosen in the year one thousand nine hundred and one, and members of the house of representatives. The terms of office of the judges of the supreme court which would otherwise expire in odd numbered years, and all other elective state, county, and township officers whose terms of office would otherwise expire in the year one thousand nine hundred and one, and members of the general assembly whose successors would otherwise be chosen at the general election in the year one thousand nine hundred and one, are hereby extended one year and until their successors are elected and qualified. The terms of office of senators whose successors would otherwise be chosen in the year one thousand nine hundred and three are hereby extended one year and until their successors are elected and qualified. The general assembly shall make such changes in the law governing the time of election and terms of office of all other elective officers as shall be necessary to make the time of their election and terms of office conform to this amendment, and shall provide which of the judges of the supreme court shall serve as chief justice. The general assembly shall meet in regular session on the second Monday in January, one thousand nine hundred and three, and biennially thereafter.

Be it further resolved that this resolution and the foregoing amendments to the constitution of the state of Iowa, having been adopted by the 27th General Assembly, in manner and form, and by the majority required by the constitution of the state of Iowa, and the statutes thereof, shall be submitted for ratification or rejection by the electors of the state of Iowa at the general election for state officers to be held in November, 1903.